

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lapidum Lock

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Stafford Road

CITY, TOWN

Lapidum

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT
- ☐ BUILDING(S)
- ☒ STRUCTURE
- ☐ SITE
- ☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ☒ PUBLIC
- ☐ PRIVATE
- ☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- ☐ IN PROCESS
- ☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- ☐ OCCUPIED
- ☒ UNOCCUPIED
- ☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
- ☐ ACCESSIBLE
- ☐ YES: RESTRICTED
- ☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
- ☐ NO

PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE
- ☒ MUSEUM
- ☐ COMMERCIAL
- ☐ PARK
- ☐ EDUCATIONAL
- ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ☐ ENTERTAINMENT
- ☐ RELIGIOUS
- ☐ GOVERNMENT
- ☐ SCIENTIFIC
- ☐ INDUSTRIAL
- ☐ TRANSPORTATION
- ☐ MILITARY
- ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #: 267-5656

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: Records are also

Folio #: with Philadelphia
Electric Co.

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This lock is about 150 feet long and eighteen feet wide, constructed of granite blocks which have been meticulously cut and fitted. The lock parallels the river and the southern ends are flared out. There is still some of the old lock gate and hardware remaining.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A canal company was chartered by the General Assembly of Maryland as early as 1783, but construction of the canal itself did not begin until 1836! The lock at Lapidum was one of nine locks constructed along the Harford County portion of the canal during 1836-1839. The State of Maryland had granted a loan of \$1,000,000 to the canal company to finish the construction. The long delay in the waterway's construction doomed it to a premature death, for in the 1840's the first rail lines came into being in the area. The Reading Railroad leased the canal in 1872 and used it as a coal route up until the early 1900's. The lockkeeper during the better years was a Roy Price, and the lock was known as Stephenson's Lock. The railroads, the obsolescence of such a means of transport and floods forced the canal to be abandoned by First World War.

The Martenet map and the 1853 plat of Lapidum show a lock house located on the other side of Stafford Road opposite the lock. The structure on that site today is being investigated to see if it is the same lock house.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Directory- 1953

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967, French Bray, Baltimore.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The lock is located between Stafford road and the Susquehanna River, not far from the intersection of Stafford and Lapidum Roads.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

May 21, 1976

TELEPHONE

267-1212

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE

W 399 DARLINGTON 2.4 MI. 10' 400 401 1 040 000 FEET 3.4 MI. TO U.S. 1 OCTOBER 2.4 MI. RISING SUN 1.8 MI. 5.8 MI. TO MD 375





Lapidum Lock HA-382

Stafford Road

Lapidum, MD

Paul Penrod

4/76

looking south